



# Supporting Your Local School with Their ExploRE Easter Day



The Diocese of Guildford ‘ExploRE Days’ are resources for primary schools to use as an off timetable RE day. In these new materials we include suggestions for how the local church community or assembly team might be able to support the day. This offers the opportunity for the pupils to talk to local Christians about their

experience and understanding of Easter which is an important part of RE learning. It also provides an opportunity for the church community to support the spiritual development of pupils through the provision of an Easter prayer or reflection space or Easter experience in the church.

To support every class and a host a reflective prayer space will require a lot of volunteers, which you may not have. Discuss with the school where your volunteers are best deployed for their current cohort of children.

## ExploRE Easter: Journeys

## What we have suggested the church might do.

Phase	Focus of the materials
<b>EYFS</b>	<p><b>Easter Emotions</b></p> <p>If you have volunteers from your church community supporting this day, why not ask them to share with pupils about how they feel about Easter. Keep it simple – with questions such as ‘Which part of the story makes you the most happy?....puzzled?....sad?’ etc..</p>
<b>KS1</b>	<p><b>Easter pilgrims</b></p> <p>Create a ‘pilgrimage’ around your school site, creating six ‘stations’. This could be outdoors or indoors – or a mixture. You could invite members of your church community to support this – and tell each part of the story, either using the script with wondering question, or re-telling in their own words / from a good Children’s Bible. It’s important that this activity is not rushed.</p> <p>If you have volunteers from your church community supporting this day, ask them to share with pupils about the parts of the story that are the most important to them?</p>
<b>LKS2</b>	<p><b>Easter Landscape</b></p> <p>Why not take the opportunity to work alongside your parish community and make an Easter landscape on location in the church?! If you do this, you might do a ‘pre-construction’ consultation with the church community about where they would like it to be. Maybe some children could conduct some advance on-the-ground research into the church community’s ideas about which events they would like depicted!</p> <p>If you are ‘on location’ building your Easter landscape in your parish church, and have church volunteers supporting ask them to share with pupils about the parts of the story that are the most important to them?</p>
<b>UKS2</b>	<p><b>Passion Play Sculptures</b></p> <p>Could you work alongside your local church community to provide some materials for them to use to help people engage with the Easter story in new ways this Easter time? The images could be made into a booklet telling the story in a child-friendly way, along with text showing pupils’ thinking. Or maybe you could go ‘on location’ and use some areas of the church / local area as the backdrop to your sculptures?</p> <p>If you have volunteers from your church community supporting this day ask them to share with pupils about the parts of the story that mean the most to them – and why this is?</p>
<b>All Year Groups</b>	<p><b>An Easter Prayer or Reflection Space for classes to visit one at a time.</b></p> <p>This could be set up by the church in either the church building and churchyard or in the schools building and grounds. There are suggestions for reflective activities in a page in <a href="#">the ExploRE Easter Resources on the website</a>.</p>